19. Punjab	28.00	21.00	7.00
20. Rajasthan	124.00	93.00	31.00
21. Sikkim	3.00	2.25	0.75
22. Tamil Nadu	39.00	29.25	9.75
23. Tripura	3.00	2.25	0.75
24. Uttar Pradesh	90.00	67.50	22.50
25. West Bengal	40.00	30.00	10.00
Total	804.00	603.00	201.00

Reduction in Wheat and Rice yielding area

1528. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a reduction in area under wheat and rice cultivation mainly in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase yield of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to increase the production of foodgrains in different States including Punjab, the Government is implementing various central/centrally sponsored programmes viz., Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP)—Wheat, Maize & Millets; Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD); National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) etc.

Cultivation of cashewnuts in wastelands

1529. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made suggestion to the State Governments to use wastelands to promote the cultivation of cashewnuts;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes; if any, to promote cultivation of cashew in wastelands;

(c) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh submitted a scheme for the promotion of cashew cultivation in Wastelands; and

(d) if so, what is its status ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Development has made suggestion to State Governments to evolve appropriate policies and institutional mechanism for making available the wastelands in non-forest areas for promoting cashewnut plantations. At present there is no specific scheme to promote cultivation of cashew in wastelands. However, a Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashew in India is being implemented for increasing production and productivity of cashew in potential areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा के लिए धनराशि

1530. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा के लिए कम धनराशि आबंटित की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में कितनी राशि आबंटित की गई और संवितरित की गई ?

गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्त्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) कृषि अनुसंधान तथा शिक्षा विभाग को आबंटित निधि उनकी बताई गई (प्रक्षिप्त) मांग से कम थीं परन्तु उनमें वर्षानुवर्ष उत्तरोत्तर बढ़ोत्तरी की गई है ।

(ख) निधि आबंटित करते समय मांग और सरकार के पास उपलब्ध संसाधनों, दोनों को ध्यान में रखा गया था ।

(ग) आबंटित राशि निम्नलिखित है :—